

SOCIAL and PERSONAL

Valentines Come to Town.
With epigrams and bangles and hearts and triangles
Of silver and crystal and gold;
With faces as fine as the frost-fairy traces
When mornings are bitterly cold;
In the daintiest hues of the pinks and the blues
That summer weaves into her crown,
All sprinkled with posies and love-knots and roses,
The valentines come to town.
All puffy and fluffy and tinkling and twinkling
With fringes of tinsel and pearl,
They tell us the story of love and its glory
In the hearts of a boy and a girl.
And those who display in their tresses the gray
Entwined with the black and the brown,
Go back to the playtime of youth and its Maytime
When the valentines come to town.
There's a ghost in the street and the pavements are sweet
With the lavender-colored and dried
In a garden of youth, where the lilacs of truth
Were worn by a maiden who died;
And the mail who has made on the highways of trade
The mark of his wealth and renown,
In fancy once more is the lover of yore,
When the valentines come to town.
—Minnie Irving, in Lippincott's.

Leaves for Mexico To-Day.
Mrs. James Brown Potter, of New York, who arrived in Richmond Thursday evening, leaves to-day by the noon train for Mexico, where she will spend the spring.

Mr. Potter owns a large plantation in Mexico, and his wife is fond of the climate of that country in spring. Mrs. Potter stopped over in Richmond to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank W. Powers, of No. 368 East Franklin Street.

Miss Coulter's Tea.
Miss Lucy Lee Coulter, of South Third Street, entertained at a pretty tea last afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock. Her guests were the members of the younger set, who form such an attractive element of Richmond society.
Young ladies receiving were: Misses Willie Crutcher, Helen Stage, Charlotte Steele, Lucy Gwathmey, Louise Miller, Lucy Witt, Annie Laurie Haynes, Camilla Wellford, Katherine Gunn and Louise Crump.
From 8:30 to 10 o'clock in the evening Miss Coulter entertained her receiving party, together with the following young gentlemen:
Messrs. John Gwathmey, John Munford, William Merrill, Westwood Williams, Lewis Lewis, Robert Gwathmey, John Royall, Eugene Gilliam, Holling Coulter, Eugene Luck, Allan Goolsby, Samuel Woody, Dennis Wright, J. H. Eristow, W. H. Powell, Edward Cardozo.

Deep Run Hunt Reception.
The Deep Run Hunt meet will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Brook's Store.

Ladies scheduled to receive at the clubhouse after the meet are: Mrs. T. Moncure Perkins, Mrs. Elmore D. Hotchkiss, Mrs. James E. Cannon, Mrs. Harry Brazier, Mrs. Otto Ketting, Miss Norma Stewart, Miss Frances Scott, Miss Courtney Crump and Miss Julie Osterloh.

Mrs. Macaulay Here.
Mrs. S. C. Macaulay, better known in Richmond as Frances Little, is the guest of Mrs. Cameron Johnson, of No. 1668 Park Avenue.

Mrs. Macaulay's book, "The Lady of the Decorations," has awakened widespread interest in the author; and Richmond people will be glad to make the acquaintance of so distinguished a writer. She is nearly related to Alice Rice Hagan, who wrote that most charming story, "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch."

Charity Ball.
The most brilliant social event of the season in German-American circles was the charity ball at the Masonic Temple Thursday night, given under the auspices of the Ladies' German-American Aid Society.

The patroness was Mrs. A. von Rosenek, Mrs. Fred Brauer, Mrs. John J. Steinbrecher, Mrs. Adolph Hartung, Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Adolph Volkman, Mrs. Julius Siewers, Mrs. William Grinnell and Mrs. C. Sauer, all of whom contributed to make it a decided success. The German was led by Mr. Fred Brauer and Mrs. A. von Rosenek.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. William Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schumaker, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Stumpf, Mr. and Mrs. George Duerbert, Mr. and Mrs. Luebert, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grinnell, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dietrich, Mr. and Mrs. Florheim, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Kasten, Mr. and Mrs. Schwalm, Mr. and Mrs. C. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. Gasser, Mrs. Loeffler, Mrs. Hassel and Mrs. Barnett, Miss Anna Rosenek, Miss Elzner, Steinhilber, Miss Elsie Brauer, Miss Minnie Grinnell, Miss Louise Henningshausen, Miss Ruthmund, Miss Florence Jacobs, Miss Louise Zimmerman, Miss Alice Ruedy, Miss Anna Hatke, Miss Rosina Steinbrecher, Miss Marie Henningshausen.

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Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 1078.

The Downs.

By ROBERT BRIDGES.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

O bold, majestic downs, smooth, fair and lonely;
O still solitudes only matched in the skies;
Perilous in steep places,
Soft in the level places.

Where sweeping in phantom silence the cloudland flies;
With lovely undulation of fall and rise;
Entrenched with thickets thorned,
By delicate miniature dainty flowers adorned!

I climb your crown, and lo! a sight surprising
Of sea in front uprising, steep and wide;
And scattered ships ascending
To heaven, lost in the blending
Of distant blues, where water and sky divide,
Urging their engines against wind and tide,
And all so small and slow
They seem to be wearily pointing the way they would go.

The accumulated murmur of soft plashing,
Of waves on rocks dashing, and searching the sands;
Takes my ear, in the veering
Baffled wind, as rearing
Upright at the cliff, to the gullies and rifts he stands;
And his conquering surges scour out over the lands;
While again at the foot of the downs
He masses his strength to recover the topmost crowns.

This series began in The Times-Dispatch Sunday, Oct. 11, 1904. One is published each day.

Miss Marie Stumpf, Miss Schauf, Miss Virgie Stumpf, Miss Minnie Schuman and Miss Rosa Siewers, Messrs. A. von Rosenek, John J. Steinbrecher, W. L. Willis, Janssens Kain, Charles Vial, J. Franklin, S. Addison, A. Jacobs, W. Bräuer, Jim Manning, George Hulcher, C. Ruedmund, R. Kaufmann, Fodor Poles Bradley, Dr. Syde, J. Kolbe and many others.

Miss Freedley's Luncheon.

Miss Madge Freedley will entertain at luncheon in her apartments, at the Chestfield, on Shrove Tuesday at 1 o'clock.

Box Party.

Among the several attractive box parties given at the Academy of Music Thursday evening was that at which Miss Lewis, of Chester, Pa., Miss Octavia Thomas, of Summit Point, Miss Farnet, of Frankfort, Ky.; Miss Harris, of Louisville, Ky.; Miss Mary Doobie, of Petersburg.

Pleasant Dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Terry B. Gordon, of Riverside, Norfolk, gave an informal dance Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Marie Lewis, of Richmond; Miss L'Alemond and Miss Muller, of Brooklyn. Miss Lewis has been very pleasantly entertained during her stay in Norfolk.

At Closing German.

The last German of the series of the Norfolk-Old Point Cotton Club was given Wednesday evening at Hotel Chamberlin, Old Point Comfort. Among the visiting girls dancing were Misses Hattie and Lina Shields, of Richmond; Miss Josephine Brewer, of Baltimore; Miss Louise Hastings, of Lexington, Va.; Miss Phoebe Wetherill, of Chester, Pa.; Miss Octavia Thomas, of Summit Point; Miss Farnet, of Frankfort, Ky.; Miss Harris, of Louisville, Ky.; Miss Mary Doobie, of Petersburg.

Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the board of managers of the Virginia Home for Incapacitated will be held in Murphy's Hotel Annex at 11 o'clock this morning.

Miss Blair's Lecture.
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SAVE FAMILIES FROM EVICTION

Widow and Five Children, About to Be Put Into Streets, Rescued by Mission.

WORK OF THE ASSOCIATION

Greatest Need Is for Extension So as to Include Street Gamins.

Superintendent Buchanan, of the Associated Charities, was found yesterday afternoon deep in his report for the month of January, which has been somewhat delayed owing to the extra work occasioned by the severe weather of the past week.

Dr. Buchanan's report will show, among other interesting things, that the twenty-seven district visitors of the association have put in a most excellent month, having relieved the actual necessities of 224 families and turned in 324 orders for groceries.

The work conducted from the office in the Ballard House shows that there have been 124 applicants for aid, and that during the month over 300 outfits of clothing were issued.

Provident Fund.

Dr. Buchanan has apart from the regular supplies of the association, a separate fund on which he can draw in an emergency. This he calls his "Provident fund," and the records of this money are examined only by the committee of the board, who give out no names, those being sometimes of a nature where it would prevent the aid in view to let the fact of assistance be published.

Out of this provident fund, among other cases, a young man of good antecedents, who was stranded in the city, actually without a cent, was advanced a loan. He has been put on his feet, has a regular job, and hopes to repay the money shortly.

A family where the man had been long out of work, and the wife sick, with several children, were taken care of until the husband secured work.

A young woman who takes care of her mother and sister and a consumptive nephew out of her salary, was advanced money when the coal was wanted.

Several cases where the families were about to be sold out on distress warrants were relieved, either by the payment of the rent or the removal of the family to the Ballard House. One case of this sort was that of a widow and five children, dependent on the mother's wages. A long sickness threw the mother behind, and the family were about to be put into the streets for non-payment of rent, when the district visitors intervened, paid the rent and carried the family until it was again on its feet.

The Better Way.

In drawing his report Superintendent Buchanan has shown the importance of constructive work. The mere issuing of some groceries or a little fuel, or even the advance of a little money for rent, is regarded as a mere incidental compared with the importance of tiding the family over until they can put themselves again on a self-supporting basis.

To let a distress warrant be taken up, and the family practically be put into the streets, merely adds that many more to the pauper class of the city, and in most cases to the criminal class, and a study of conditions and wise assistance will lead to the family's being kept together in the home and given an uplift that will shortly put them on an entirely self-supporting basis.

The report brings out the final economy of this latter system, although it may call for a greater outlay at first than the mere satisfying of the hunger for the day, merely to have the cry repeated to-morrow.

It is the aim of the Board of the Associated Charities to so co-ordinate the charities of Richmond, that while encouraging every charitable enterprise, the various organizations may be so dovetailed as to prevent duplication and to cover as far as possible all necessary branches.

The Greatest Need.
Perhaps the greatest need in the charitable world of Richmond to-day is a work for boys of the plainer classes, the newsboy element, and the foreign element, and the Old Market, settlement children.

The churches are doing a large work for children of the better class, some denominations having excellent organizations for children's work. The Y. M. C. A. also plans to materially enlarge its boys' department when its new building is completed.

In discussing this matter, Superintendent Buchanan, who has studied charitable work in many cities, having been for some years in charge of the Boys' Club of New York, says that the greatest possibilities for development lay in this phase of the work, that is hardly touched at present. Some of the strongest and best work has been done by having secured a personal contact with better things, that has proved a social uplift.

It is probable that the Associated Charities will take this matter up as soon as their financial condition will justify them in branching out.

YELLOWSTONE PARK.

Mr. Culver and Mr. Thompson Coming in Private Car.

The private car, "Yellowstone Park," bringing Mr. E. C. Culver, the noted lecturer of the West, and Mr. E. B. Thompson, formerly of the Interior Department at Washington, will reach Richmond early on the morning of the 11th. Mr. Culver will give his great lecture, "Yellowstone Park," illustrated by lantern slides, at the Central Y. M. C. A. Hall, under the auspices of the Boys' Bible Study Club.

Miss Adela Bows, of Baltimore, is the guest of Mrs. W. C. Hillard, in this city.

Miss Harriet Garnett has returned from a visit to Miss Murry Garrett, at King William Courthouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Dance are at the Mecklenburg, Chas. City, Va.

ELKO ITEMS

J. D. Ripley has been transferred to Roxbury, after having worked for several weeks at this place.

Miss Carrie Baker is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert Durrett, of Fort Lee.

Dick Atkinson was recently entertained for several days by friends and relatives in Lanexa.

Willie Hughes, of Fort Lee, was a recent guest of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Baker were pleasantly entertained at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Robert Durrett, during the past week.

George W. Bowers, who spent a few days with his family, has returned to his place of business in Petersburg.

J. W. Reed and J. A. Wallace visited in Richmond during the past week.

HIGHLAND SPRINGS
The Woman's Study Club of Highland Springs will meet next Wednesday in Library Hall, at 2:30 o'clock, and the following interesting program will be rendered:

Roll call—Quotations from Virginia writers.
"Great Men and Women of Virginia," Mr. Alan Weeks.
"Miss Mary E. Johnston," Miss Lawrence.
"Mental Wrinkles," Mrs. Maria Vinal.
"Protection of Our Dumb Friends," Miss Nellie Vinal.
"Hostess," Mrs. Mary Johnenning.
As this will be the regular monthly meeting, a full attendance is urged.

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WILL NOT RETURN TO HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Dabney Flatly Refuses to Submit Further to Cruel Treatment.

CHILDREN ARE COMFORTABLE

Owner of Plantation Offers to Take Whole Family and Give Them House.

These dispatches from Keswick confirm the story told by Mrs. Janie Dabney of the abuse and ill-treatment on the part of her husband, Fontaine Dabney. Mrs. Dabney and her seven children are still at the Ballard House, under care of the Associated Charities. A number of people of Richmond have seen to it that the boys are warmly clothed, and the family are now more comfortable than for some time.

Mr. Julian Morris, of Keswick, who has at times given Dabney some employment on his farm, called up Superintendent Buchanan, of the Associated Charities, yesterday, over the long distance phone, and talked with him with regard to inducing Mrs. Dabney to return to her husband. Mr. Morris confirmed her statement, however, that Dabney had ill-treated his wife and family. Superintendent Buchanan felt that he could not advise the woman to leave her husband, although he presented to her the difficulties that would confront her in pursuing such a course.

Mrs. Dabney was firm, however, in her decision not to go back to Keswick, saying that she had left her husband more than once before, and had been induced her to return, under promises of better treatment, which were never kept. It is not probable that Dabney will be financially able to make any legal claim for the children, nor does Dr. Buchanan think it will be difficult to show, in view of the woman's testimony, which is fully corroborated, that he is not a suitable person to have them.

Offer for Whole Family.

A number of offers have come in from persons wishing to take one of the older boys, and there is no doubt that if it were considered best that homes could be secured for all the older children, but the mother is opposed to breaking up the family. In this Dr. Buchanan and the authorities of the Associated Charities agree, since in a few years the boys will become the main stay of the family, and with such a mother as Mrs. Dabney has proved to be, there is no doubt that in a short time the family would be on its feet again.

An offer has been received from a gentleman owning a large plantation in Virginia to take the whole family, give them a house on his place, with new and some modern conveniences, for the assistance of the older boys on the farm. Dr. Buchanan is investigating this offer, and is quite probable that it will be accepted, and that in a short time the older boys will be earning a comfortable home for their mother.

WAS GROUND GLASS.

Richard's Latest Dish Made Sue Collapse.

Richard Shepperson, a colored chef, as it seems, is the inventor of a something new in that branch of the culinary art which pertains to the making of ice-cream. He gave some of the newly made delicious product to Sue Brown, to see how she liked it.

Sue tasted the ice, and after swallowing a few mouthfuls, said, "You scream, I scream, and we all scream," and nearly had a fit. The new flavoring was ground glass, and Sue declared that Richard had manufactured the stuff with the intention of ending her days upon the earth and sending her to the happy Elysian fields.

Shepperson thought that it behooved him to have the matter settled at once, and he went to the First Police Station and gave himself up to the police. He rested quiet that night from the vials of Sue's wrath.

May Ask Pardon.

It is probable that an application will be made soon to the Governor for a pardon for Edward Nuckols, a young white man convicted yesterday and given three years' imprisonment for stealing a horse and running. The members of the jury which convicted him have, it is said, agreed to sign a petition for his pardon.

ARE OPPOSED TO EXTRA SESSION

Richmond Ministers Doubt Wisdom of Calling Special Meeting of General Conference.

A report emanating from Memphis, Tenn., to the effect that a meeting of the Southern Methodist Conference will be called for this spring, does not meet with much favor in Methodist circles in Richmond.

The conference which met last May at Birmingham, Ala., elected three additional bishops, although the College of Bishops asked for only two. The general conference, which meets but once in four years, has the power to elect new bishops, and no action could be taken without calling an extra session of the body, which many think would not be justified at this time. The origin of the rumor is given by Richmond ministers as the fact that the annual meeting of the Bishops which is always held at Nashville, Tenn., in May, has this year been called by Bishop Wilson to meet late in March.

The various of the annual meeting are to assign the various bishops to the annual state conferences, and plan the work for the year. Bishop Wilson expects to visit Japan and China, this spring, attending a conference of missionaries in Japan in May, and looking after the mission interests of the Methodist Church in those countries, and this may be the reason for calling the Bishops together two months earlier than is customary.

The matter was discussed at length at the meeting of the Methodist ministers this week, and while no action was taken, as none seemed to be called for, still it was the sense of the meeting that an extra session of the Southern Conference this spring would be an unnecessary expense, that no city had invited the conference to meet in it, and that there were a sufficient number of active bishops to transact the business of the church at present.

Military Matters

Company F, of the Seventeenth Regiment, had an interesting target practice at the armory last night, and on Tuesday night had a competitive drill for the medal awarded for individual excellence in the manual of arms. It was the regular drill night, and after drill the competition was had, Sergeant G. W. Wilkerson winning the trophy after a spirited contest therefor.

This company is one of the liveliest military organizations in the city, and is on a boom just now. There were three officers and forty men present at the regular drill, and the company has a waiting list of recruits ready to don the uniform when called upon.

Captain J. H. Stone commands the company; Mr. W. H. Klavender is first lieutenant, and Mr. W. C. Herbert, second lieutenant. Lieutenant Herbert was formerly first sergeant, but was recently elected lieutenant, and has just successfully stood the examination for his commission. He is an enthusiastic military man, and one of the hard-working young officers of the company, who has won promotion through various grades to his commission. He is interested in athletics, and is now organizing an athletic team for the spring work, and hopes to have a star attraction.

On Wednesday night the weekly non-commissioned school of the Company F, under the direction of Lieutenant W. H. Klavender, was held. The drill was held on Friday the weekly recruit drill is had. Tuesday is regular drill night. In this way there is something doing almost every night. Following are the scores made last night at the weekly practices:

Captain Stone..... 5 4 4 4 5-22

Lieut. Klavender..... 4 4 4 4 4-21

Lieut. Herbert..... 4 4 4 4 3-19

Sergeant Johnson..... 4 4 4 4 4-20

Corporal Gentry..... 4 4 4 4 3-19

Corporal Webb..... 5 4 4 4 3-18

Masonic Officers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
CHINCOTRAGUE, Va., February 8.—The following officers of Accotink Lodge, No. 24, A. F. & M., have been installed for the ensuing term: Worshipful Master, J. E. Merritt; Senior Warden, J. E. Reynolds; Junior Warden, Dr. Charles F. Turman; Secretary, A. H. Bratten; Treasurer, W. F. R. Capper; Senior Deacon, James G. Dabney; Junior Deacon, H. W. Conant; Thier, A. Matthews.

DR. MOORE TO SPEAK.

Will Address Students of Medical College of Virginia.

Rev. Walter W. Moore, D. D., president of Union Theological Seminary, will address the students of the Medical College of Virginia in the chemical amphitheater, on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Dr. Moore is one of the most polished and finished speakers of the Presbyterian denomination, and is considered one of the leading authorities on Hebrew research in this country. There will be a limited number of seats for young men, other than members of the two medical colleges.

Musical Krouse.

Another meeting of the prospective members of the reorganized Company F was held last night, at which several more men were enrolled. It is expected that officers will soon be chosen, and the company fully organized. The material being selected for the company is excellent, and a well-known military officer will be asked to accept the captaincy.

Lieutenant Harry N. Coates, Twelfth United States Cavalry, military secretary of the Jamestown Exposition, is expected in the city to-day to confer with Adjutant-General Anderson in regard to the prospective encampment of the Virginia volunteers at the Exposition.

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